

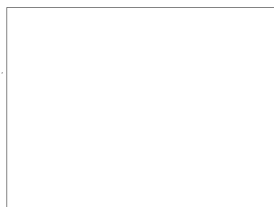
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ABSTRACT

This report provides a description of the 41 border outposts observed along the western China-USSR border. Text, an annotated location map, a table of facilities, and three photos, are included.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Forty-one border installations are observed along the western China-USSR border, the majority of which are small border outposts containing from three to ten buildings each (Figure 1). Complete coverage of this area by KH-4 photography, [REDACTED], shows no major buildup along the border or within the facilities over the past two years.

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The major concentrations of these installations are near Tacheng, the Dzungarian Gate area, and Chaosu. These installations are in remote areas and, like the border outposts in the USSR, have no standard intervals between them. Most of the facilities are at border crossings such as roads, rivers, and mountain passes. Light to heavy trenching, strongpoints, observation towers, and walls or security fencing are observed at many of the installations (Figure 2, 3, and 4). Access is by either road or trail; in general, no vehicles or equipment are noted.

A listing of installations with geographic coordinates and a description of facilities is shown in Table I.

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TABLE I. CHINESE BORDER INSTALLATIONS IN WESTERN CHINA

ITEM NO	INSTALLATION	GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES	STRUCTURES	REMARKS
1	Border outpost	48-43-40N 086-47-00E	4 barracks-type bldgs	
2	Poss border outpost	48-23-18N 085-45-10E	At least 10 barracks-type bldgs and several small sheds	
3	Border outpost	48-06-25N 085-35-25E	12 barracks and 9 storage/support bldgs	Unidentified material in open storage
4	Border outpost	48-01-40N 085-33-00E	At least 5 bldgs	Secured installation
5	Border outpost	47-25-10N 085-40-15E	At least 12 bldgs and 1 observation tower	Secured installation with prob weapons emplacements and trenching
6	Prob border outpost	46-52-25N 085-10-05E	2 barracks and 2 storage/support bldgs	Partially secured installation with poss trenching and 1 prob observation position
7	Border outpost (Figure 2)	46-57-00N 084-40-30E	2 barracks, 7 storage/support bldgs, and 1 observation tower	Trenching
8	Poss border outpost	46-54-40N 082-56-40E	At least 5 bldgs	Trenching
9	Border outpost	46-48-35N 082-52-30E	4 barracks-type bldgs and 5 support bldgs	Secured installation with prob trenching
10	Border outpost	46-40-40N 082-47-40E	At least 7 bldgs	Secured installation with extensive trenching
11	Border outpost (Figure 3)	46-28-30N 082-44-20E	At least 7 bldgs	Probably secured installation with trenching
12	Military installation	46-07-05N 082-40-00E	At least 56 bldgs in 3 areas	An associated prob strong-point adjacent to border contains 10 prob bunkers

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ITEM NO	INSTALLATION	GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES	STRUCTURES	REMARKS
13	Prob barracks area	45-59-50N 082-39-30E	15 bldgs. Approx 100 more bldgs are in several adjacent areas	Prob trenching, poss bunkers
14	Border outpost	45-57-00N 082-30-00E	7 barracks, 4 support bldgs, and 1 observation tower	Trenching
15	Border outpost	45-49-00N 082-26-30E	4 barracks-type bldgs and 2 support bldgs	Partially secured installation with trenching, 1 earth-covered bunker, and 1 observation post
16	Barracks area	45-37-05N 082-21-25E	3 barracks-type bldgs and 1 support bldg	Trenching and 3 vented earth-covered bunkers
17	Border outpost (Figure 4)	45-10-50N 082-36-00E	At least 14 bldgs	Secured installation with a possibly abandoned strongpoint
18	Poss border outpost	45-06-45N 082-15-00E	8 barracks and 2 support bldgs	Secured installation
19	Border outpost	45-10-00N 082-07-00E	2 barracks-type bldgs, 1 warehouse-type bldg, and 6 support bldgs	
20	Prob border outpost	45-07-10N 082-02-50E	8 barracks-type bldgs and 2 storage/support bldgs	
21	Border outpost	45-11-00N 81-48-50E	At least 5 bldgs	Prob strongpoint
22	Border outpost	45-06-00N 080-48-00E	2 barracks-type bldgs and 2 support bldgs	
23	Border outpost	44-56-00N 080-09-00E	2 barracks-type bldgs and 3 support bldgs	Secured installation
24	Border outpost	44-27-40N 080-22-00E	4 barracks and 6 support bldgs	
25	Barracks area	44-11-35N 080-24-00E	9 barracks and 74 storage/support bldgs	1 observation position and trenching
26	Barracks area	44-10-38N 080-27-55E	12 barracks and 4 storage/support bldgs	Doubly-secured

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27	Poss border outpost	43-07-20N 080-47-10E	At least 5 bldgs and at least 15 tents	
28	Border outpost	42-56-30N 080-29-55E	At least 6 bldgs	Possibly secured installation
29	Border outpost	42-54-20N 080-38-20E	19 barracks-type bldgs and 6 storage/support bldgs	
30	Border outpost	42-48-00N 080-23-00E	6 barracks and 6 storage/support bldgs	Secured installation
31	Border outpost	41-44-20N 079-43-20E	1 barracks-type bldg and 4 support bldgs	Secured installation
32	Border outpost	41-20-00N 078-28-40E	3 barracks-type bldgs, 3 storage/support bldgs, and 24 tents	Secured installation
33	Border outpost	40-58-50N 076-59-10E	5 barracks-type bldgs and 1 prob observation tower	Prob trenching
34	Border outpost	40-20-00N 076-22-00E	3 barracks-type bldgs and 3 support bldgs	Secured installation
35	Border outpost	40-12-20N 076-02-10E	2 barracks and 7 storage/support bldgs	Secured installation
36	Army barracks	40-30-10N 075-23-00E	14 prob barracks and 37 storage/support bldgs	1 observation post, 2 medium and 6 small vertical POL tanks
37	Poss border outpost	40-20-08N 075-09-10E	2 prob barracks and 2 support bldgs	
38	Border outpost	39-42-00N 073-56-00E	4 barracks, 2 support bldgs, 2 sheds, and 1 prob observation tower	1 poss AW emplacement
39	Poss military installation	38-39-40N 074-57-10E	At least 15 bldgs	
40	Border outpost	38-12-10N 074-54-20E	At least 5 bldgs	Adjacent to strongpoint
41	Barracks area	37-46-20N 075-14-00E	17 barracks, 21 storage/support bldgs, and 11 sheds	Probably secured installation

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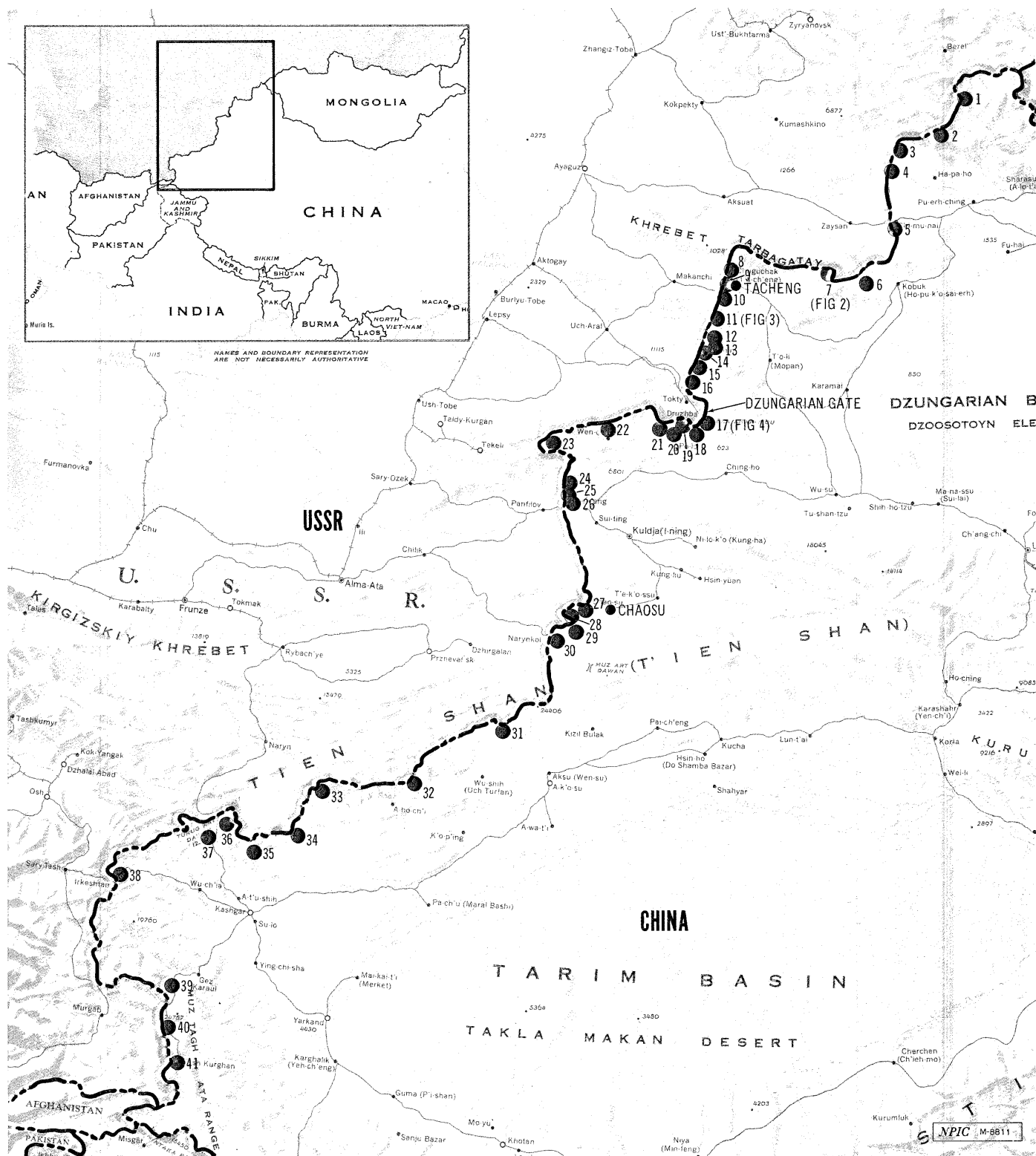
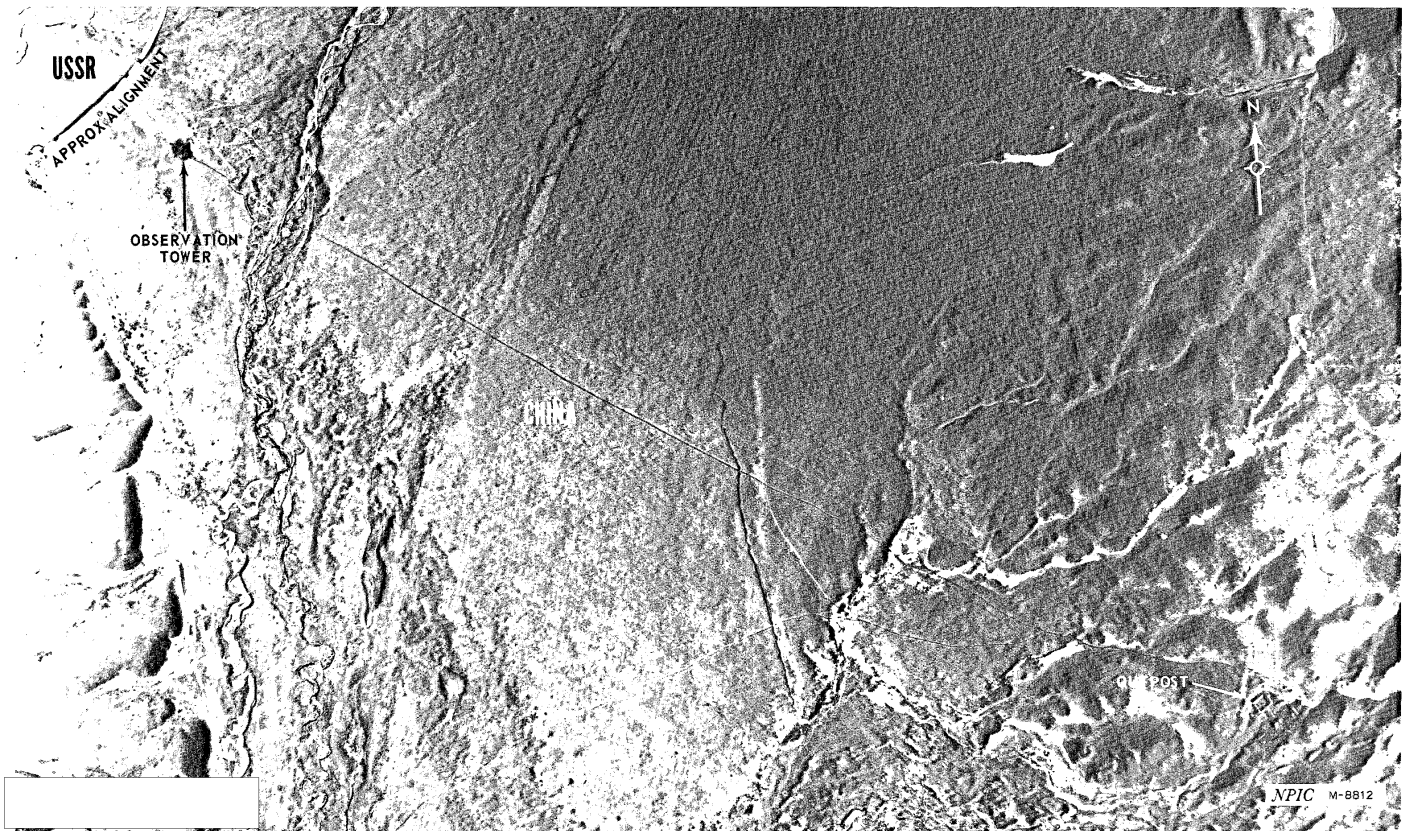


FIGURE 1. CHINESE BORDER INSTALLATIONS, WESTERN CHINA-USSR BORDER



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FIGURE 2. CHINESE BORDER FACILITIES, WESTERN CHINA-USSR BORDER



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FIGURE 3. BORDER OUTPOSTS, WESTERN CHINA-USSR BORDER

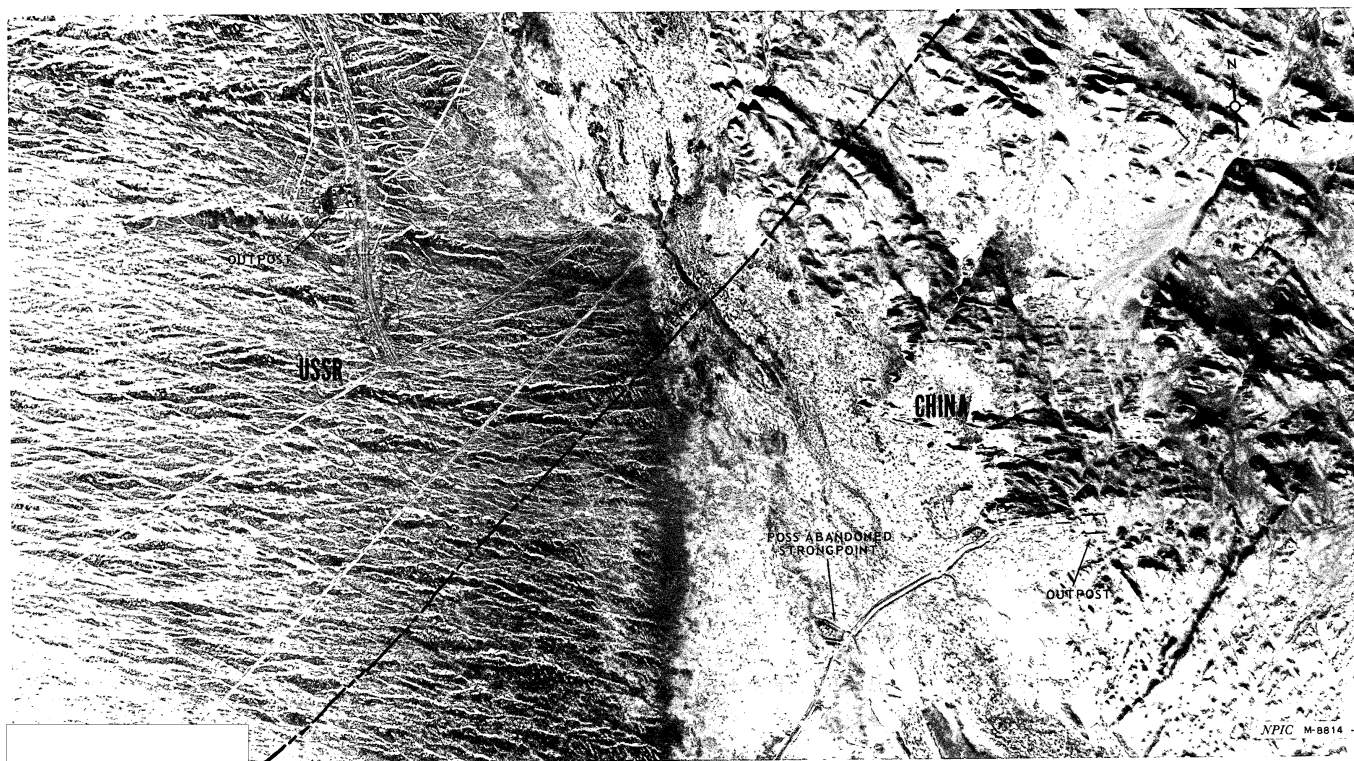


FIGURE 4. BORDER FACILITIES, WESTERN CHINA-USSR BORDER

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